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SUBJECT: TENTATIVE ITINERARY FOR SECRETARY'S TRIP TO
MOSCOW AND WESTERN EUROPE MARCH 25 - APRIL 2

REFS: A. STATE 54702; B. PARIS 7015

1. PRESIDENT GISCARD'S INVITATION TO BREAKFAST ON
SATURDAY, APRIL 2, ACCEPTED WITH THANKS. ELYSEE HAS
CONFIRMED THIS APPOINTMENT AND INDICATED IT IS SET FOR
0900. MFA HAS INDICATED FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD
WILL ALSO ATTEND.

2. MFA THIS MORNING INFORMED US, WITH SOME DISMAY, THAT
IN MEANTIME ELYSEE HAS REVEALED TO IT THAT PRESIDENT
SADAT IS NOW SCHEDULED TO STOP IN PARIS ON SATURDAY,
APRIL 2, EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON, AND THAT PRESIDENT
GISCARD IS SCHEDULING LUNCHEON FOR HIM WHICH FOREIGN
MINISTER IS EXPECTED TO ATTEND. FOREIGN MINISTER
DE GUIRINGAUD IS REPORTEDLY UPSET BY THIS DEVELOPMENT
SINCE HE HAD MADE SATURDAY LUNCHEON OFFER TO AMBASSADOR
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AND DCM.

3. THUS, WHILE WORKING SESSION IS STILL BEING PLANNED
TO CONTINUE AT QUAI D'ORSAY, AFTER BREAKFAST AT ELYSEE,
WITH FOREIGN MINISTER LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY, HE MUST REGRETFULLY WITHDRAW
HIS OFFER FOR A WORKING LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW THE MORNING'S

DISCUSSION, IN VIEW OF THE COMMAND PERFORMANCE LUNCHEON
AT THE ELYSEE.

4. WE DOUBLE-CHECKED ON DE GUIRINGAUD'S APRIL 1 RETURN
TO PARIS FROM ISRAEL AND IT WAS RECONFIRMED TO US THAT
THIS WOULD BE SO LATE AS TO MAKE IMPRACTICAL PLANNING A
WORKING DINNER ON FRIDAY IN LIEU OF THE WORKING LUNCHEON
ON SATURDAY.

5. REVISED SCHEDULE WOULD THUS BE AS INDICATED IN REF
A, ENDING, HOWEVER, AT 1200 NOON, OMITTING THE WORKING
LUNCHEON AND MAKING POSSIBLE A SOMEWHAT EARLIER
DEPARTURE, IF DESIRED. THIS COULD BE EITHER AFTER A
LIGHT LUNCH IN PARIS OR POSSIBLY WITH LUNCH ON THE
PLANE EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON.

6. WE NOTE THAT PARA 4 REF A SPEAKS OF "PM'S" RPT
"PM'S" OFFER. WE ASSUME REFERENCE WAS MEANT TO BE TO
FOREIGN MINISTER. PRIME MINISTER, THOUGH INFORMED AS A
COURTESY OF SECRETARY'S IMPENDING VISIT, HAS NOT RPT NOT
BEEN APPROACHED FOR ANY APPOINTMENT OR OTHER MEETING.

7. IF FOREGOING REVISED SCHEDULE ACCEPTABLE, IT WOULD
BE HELPFUL IN PLANNING SESSIONS WITH ELYSEE AND QUAI
D'ORSAY TO KNOW WHICH PERSONS SECRETARY MAY WISH TO HAVE
WITH HIM. OUR GUESS IS THAT PRESIDENT GISCARD, WHO
PREFERS VERY SMALL GROUPS, MAY WISH TO LIMIT BREAKFAST
TO ELYSEE SECRETARY GENERAL IN ADDITION TO FOREIGN
MINISTER ON FRENCH SIDE, AND WOULD EXPECT SECRETARY TO
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BE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO OTHERS. IF A LARGER U.S. PRESENCE
IS DESIRED IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO REQUEST ELYSEE
COOPERATION AT EARLIEST FEASIBLE MOMENT BEFORE GISCARD
LOCKS HIMSELF IN.
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